

February 10, 2021  
Regular Board Meeting

**VILLAGE of SOMONAUK**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm**

Village President Grandgeorge called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken. Attending: Trustees: Conley, McMillen, Eade, and Nemcek- Button. Whiteaker- absent. The meeting was a zoom meeting.

***Minutes:***

McMillen moved to approve the minutes from January 20, 2021. Trustee Nemcek-Button seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Eade –yes, Nemcek-Button. –yes and Whiteaker-absent

***Motion Passed***

Bills were presented \$32,033.68. The major bills being: Grainger for \$4592.58 for COVID upgrades.

***Motion:***

Trustee McMillen moved to approve the bills to February 10, 2021 in the amount of \$32,033.68. Trustee Conley seconded the motion and the following voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Eade- yes, Nemcek Button-yes and Whiteaker- absent.

***Motion Passed***

***Communications:***

Grandgeorge announced he had was no communications and asked the board if they had any. There were no announcements

***Reports of Officers:***

***Police:***

King reported Somonauk Police Department has received a determination letter that the Somonauk Police Department meets the conditions for certification for the federal use of force eligibility requirements as set forth by Presidential Executive Order, an explanation of the application process was explained to the Board, the certification is active for a period of three years.

HB3653, which was passed by the House and Senate has not yet been signed by Governor Pritzker as yet, he stated that a major financial impact of the bill is the mandate of body cameras, for Somonauk we would be required to have them by Jan 1, 2025, so this will be an item to be considered for planning for upcoming budget's, he has already begin to research what Somonauk would need and will be checking for potential grants in the future to assist with the financial impact a discussion was held on the potential needs and camera systems.

King also mentioned Tyler Giannotti one of the part-timer who started in 2019 would be leaving employment at the Village. He has excepted full time employment with Kendal County Sheriff department. And cannot work anywhere for 18 months after employment. Grandgeorge asked the process for finding a replacement. King answered that after he leaves, King will start looking for a replacement.

***Water & Sewer***

Eipers reported he replaced a coolant heater on plant generator replaced a chem feed line at the water plant. Grandgeorge asked if there was a chance of contaminating out water service as there was a hacker trying to contaminate the water service on the east coast. Eipers stated no the village has no cable we have a stand-alone service.

***Streets and Alleys:***

Wasson reported besides his submitted report. He wanted to thank Jeremy Dolder for plowing during the storms as Eipers was out of town and a thank you to Eipers for keeping all the trucks working.

Grandgoerge thanked the Public works for doing a good job plowing. He had heard several compliments from residents.

***Committee Reports:***

***Water & Sewer:*** Eade had nothing to present for Water & Sewer

***Finance:***

Morphey had nothing to report for Finance.

***Laws & Ordinance:***

***Nothing to report.***

***Employee Relations:***

Conley presented a request from the Police Dept. for a new GETAC Mobile Data Terminal to replace a Panasonic Tough book. Last year's quote was \$3530.50. He also presented a request for Kenwood Mobil two-way radio on DeKalb County 700 MHZ band. This is for one radio with the hope of adding one each year until all the squads have one. The quote cost is \$2,940.61

Grandgoerge asked if Chief had gotten multiple bids. King stated this is the supplier DeKalb County had used. He can reach out to a supplier in Indiana and see their price. Nemcek-Button asked about leasing the equipment. King stated that is usually not done because the need to upgrade often.

***Motion:***

Conley moved to allow the purchase of a GETAC Mobil Data Terminal and a Kenwood mobile 2-way radio not to accede \$7,000.00 because this year's quote on the GETAC has not come in. Eade seconded the motion: and the following voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Eade- yes, Nemcek Button-yes and Whiteaker- absent.

***Motion Passed***

***Street & Alleys:***

McMillen presented an agreement to be entered into between the Village of Somonauk and the State of Illinois doing work on Rt. 34 from Rt. 23 to Somonauk Rd. It was explained that the State will be resurfacing Rt. 34 and the Village is responsible for the right of ways through the Village.

***Motion:***

McMillen motioned to enter into an agreement with the State of Illinois through its Department of Transportation to preform work on Rt. 34 from RT 23 to Somonauk Rd. Nemcek-Button seconded the motion: and the following voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Eade- yes, Nemcek Button-yes and Whiteaker- absent.

***Motion Passed***

McMillen next presented Resolution 21-03 appropriating funds for ADA curb ramp improvements, parking resurfacing and Flashing pedestrian signals in conjunction with the milling and resurfacing of RT 34 from RT 23 to Somonauk RD. This would be the Village portion of the project. McMillen stated it would be approximately \$108,000.00. Morphey stated this would be the Village street program for next year. Wasson mentioned that there is \$30,000.00 left over from the SRTS program that will be applied to the pedestrian crossings on Green St and Gage St.

***Motion:***

McMillen made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-03 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR ADA CURB RAMP IMPROVEMENTS, PARKING RESURFACING AND FLASHING PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS; IN CONJUNCTION WITH MILLING AND RESURFACING OF US 34 FROM APPROXIMATELY IL ROUTE

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23(N) TO EAST OF SOMONAUK ROAD IN SOMONAUK. Eade seconded the motion: and the following voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Eade- yes, Nemcek Button-yes and Whiteaker- absent.

***Motion Passed***

Next Ordinance 21-04 an ordinance regulating encroachment on public right of way in the Village of Somonauk and DeKalb. This is giving IDOT temporary easement of the right of ways in the Village limits.

***Motion:***

McMillen motioned to adopt Ordinance 21-04 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING ENCROACHMENT ON PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IN THE VILLAGE OF SOMONAUK, DEKALB COUNTY, Conley seconded the motion: and the following voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Eade- yes, Nemcek Button-yes and Whiteaker- absent.

***Motion Passed***

McMillen presented Ordinance 21-05 an ordinance prohibiting connection of sanitary or waste sewers to storm drainage systems. The Village has an ordinance in tacked for this already. This addresses RT. 34 and the drainage problems that are already on RT.34. Whiteatker had contacted IDOT and are working on this problem. The Village has received several options that may help with the drainage problems.

***Motion:***

McMillen motioned to adopt ORDANANCE NO. 21-05 ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE CONNECTION OF SANITARY OR WASTE SEWERS TO STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEMS. Conley seconded the motion: and the following voted: Conley-yes, McMillen –yes, Eade- yes, Nemcek Button-yes and Whiteaker- absent.

***Motion Passed***

***Discussion on County line resurfacing intersection shared with Sandwich, Il.***

Wasson had been contacted by the City of Sandwich inquiring about sharing the cost of micro surfacing the intersection on County Line and Sheridan Black top with Somonauk. The municipalities share County Line to the intersection. The Village would be responsible from the center of the intersection west to the bridge. Wasson had received a quote from the IDOT for \$60,099.10. Morphey stated that she did not feel there would be funds to do this next year with the RT 34 project and She had heard what the capitol projects were for Sandwich and this was not on the list. Grandgeorge stated that he had reached out to the Sandwich Mayor and he know nothing of this. It was decided to table this for now.

***Building and Grounds:***

Nothing to report.

***Other business:***

McMillen asked if the Village had anything they gave out to new residents. Morphey stated they have information available to the residents. When residents call in to change the water billing they are emailed information about schools, Fire Department, Police Dept., Post Office, Library, Garbage companies. public utilities, water billing, vehicle stickers, cable and internet. We also have utility billing information that is given out. Morphey stated that they will be working on a new web site soon. McMillen feels it would be nice to have a booklet with Village information that we could give to residents. Water billing, leaf burning, village sticker, signage, garage sales. etc. are some of the things. Morphey stated that what he was asking was on the web site or available but a booklet would be fine. Nemcek-Button volunteered to look into this. She was now with Kettley Realtors and would be interested in more of a presence in the Village.

Wasson also passed on the Morphey had received a text about how nice the path was plowed at the park. Morphey explained that someone had sent her a screen shot of several comments about how nice the path at the park was.

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Grandgeorge stated the board would be informed as to how the meeting will be held next month. Grandgeorge asked for a motion to adjourn. McMillen moved to adjourn everyone was in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

*Respectfully,*

***Rebecca Morphey***  
***Village Clerk***